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RE APPLICATION OF

FOR

INVENTOR: Claude Couture, et al.
INVENTION: CROSSLINKED POLYSACCHARIDE,
OBTAINED BY CROSSLINKING WITH
SUBSTITUTED POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL, AS
SUPRABSORBANT

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts issued February 20, 2002, on the above-captioned patent application, the following are enclosed:

- 1) a "Declaration For Patent Application", which has been duly executed by the inventors identified in those papers originally filed with the application; and
- 2) a check in the amount of \$ 2,088.00 (\$740.00 (basic filing fee) + 1218.00 (additional claim fees) + \$130.00 (surcharge under 37 CFR 1.16(i))).

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this **RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.63** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on April 18, 2002.

By: Mary M. Schleser Date: April 18, 2002

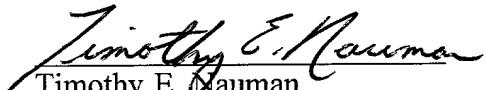
The Notice also states that the application was considered informal because the “[P]apers contain improper margins.” A substitute specification is enclosed herewith which is deemed to comply 37 CFR 1.52. No new matter is introduced in the application by means of this substitute specification. Applicants have merely corrected the margins, have removed line numbering, and have added paragraph numbering to the specification.

A copy of the Notice is enclosed.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

The foregoing submissions are believed to meet the requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts, and the applicant awaits further action on the application from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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01 FC101	740.00 OP
02 FC105	130.00 OP
03 FC103	882.00 OP
04 FC102	336.00 OP

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

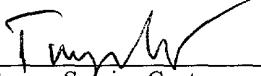
- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1218.
 - \$882 for 49 total claims over 20.
 - \$336 for 4 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 2088.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
 - Papers contain improper margins. *Each sheet must have a left margin of at least 2.5 cm (1") and top, bottom and right margins of at least 2.0 cm (3/4")*

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*



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